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SUBJECT: LIBERALS WISH TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL PARTY DELEGATION TO US

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON LIBERAL PARTY SECRETARY ZANONE AT THE END OF LAST WEEK, THE SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES CAME UP. ZANONE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY WORTHWHILE TO VISIT THE US TO RE-ESTABLISH/PLI CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. ZANONE, WHO WAS ELECTED PLI PARTY SECRETARY IN FEBRUARY 1976, UNDOUBTEDLY WISHES TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF. THE LIBERALS (WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE STANDEST SUPPORTERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY) ALSO WANT TO ASSURE THAT THEIR VIEWPOINTS ON THE CHANGING ITALIAN SITUATION ARE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD IN THE US. ZANONE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEW OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.

2. I TOLD ZANONE THAT, SHOULD HE PROCEED WITH PLANS TO VISIT THE US, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST HIM IN MAKING APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS IN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. SINCE WE HAD HEARD THAT THE LIBERALS
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WE WERE CONSIDERING A TRIP IN JULY, I SUGGESTED THAT THE FALL WOULD BE A MORE OPPORTUNE TIME, AS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON DURING THE SUMMER. ZANONE ACCEPTED THIS SUGGESTIONS AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US LATER WHEN HIS PLANS BECAME FIRMER.

3. COMMENT: I FOUND ZANONE TO BE SERIOUS, INTELLIGENT

AND FORTHCOMING. AT 41, HE IS FULL OF VIGOR AND SEEMS
TO BE CONCENTRATING HIS ENERGIES AT REBUILDING HIS
PARTY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THOSE PLACES (MOSTLY IN THE
NORTH) WHERE THE LIBERAL POSITION IS THE STRONGEST. IN
THIS, THE LIBERALS HAVE HAD A GOOD MEASURE OF SUCCESS,
AS EVIDENCED BY THE NOVARA AND ROVIGO ADMINISTRATIVE
ELECTIONS.GARDNER

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